

## IN THE CLAIMS

1-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) In a distributed computer network, a method of transporting data from a sending host computer system to a receiving host computer system, wherein the data is stored on a volume of information, the method comprising:

creating a point-in-time copy of the volume, ~~A method as defined in claim 1~~ wherein the act of creating the point-in-time copy of the volume comprises act comprises creating a point-in-time copy of one or more LUNs that have stored thereon a portion of the volume;

generating a backup components document, wherein the backup components document includes location information related to the point-in-time copy of the volume;

importing the backup components document to the receiving host computer system; and  
accessing the point-in-time copy of the volume using the location information in the backup components document, and wherein the act of accessing the point-in-time copy using information in the backup components document further act comprises:

identifying a provider that created at least one of the point-in-time copies of the one or more LUNs;

requesting that the provider make all point-in-time copies created by the provider visible;

locating the point-in-time copies made visible by the provider;

matching the point-in-time copies made visible by the provider to LUNs identified in the backup components document; and

upon matching the point-in-time copies made visible by the provider with identified LUNs, importing the matched, visible point-in-time copies to the receiving host computer system.

16. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 15 wherein the act of importing the matched, visible point-in-time copies comprises placing the matched, visible point-in-time copies in the same zone as the receiving host computer system and unmasking the matched, visible point-in-time copies.

17. (Currently Amended) A method as defined in claim 15 wherein the accessing acts of identifying, requesting, locating, matching and importing are is repeated for each point-in-time copy of the one or more LUNs.

18. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 15 wherein the act of locating the point-in-time copies made visible by the provider comprises performing a SCSI rescan of the providers in the distributed network system.

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19. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 15 wherein the act of matching the point-in-time copies made visible by the provider to LUNs identified in the backup components document comprises:

determining information associated with the LUNs identified in the backup components document using SCSI inquiry commands;

receiving from the provider additional information about a first point-in-time copy made visible by the provider; and

comparing the additional information to the information associated with the first LUNs identified in the backup components document to match the first point-in-time copy to one of the LUNs identified in the backup components document.

20. (Currently Amended) A method as defined in claim 19 further comprising:  
determining whether other point-in-time copies have been made visible by the provider;  
and

if so, repeating the matching acts of receiving and comparing for the other point-in-time copies in order to match the other visible point-in-time copies with identified LUNs.

21. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 19 further comprising:  
upon matching a point-in-time copy made visible by the provider to an identified LUN,  
determining associated volumes; and

importing the associated volumes to the receiving host computer system.

22. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 21 further comprising:

identifying each volume imported to the host computer system;  
for each imported volume, determine whether the volume should be transported using  
information in the backup components document; and  
unhiding each volume to be transported.

23-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) A computer program product readable by a computer and  
encoding instructions for executing the method recited in claim 22.

27-32. (Cancelled)

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